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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Lipman for the courtesy extended during a personal interview on July 8, 2004 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with Ms. Milbank, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Speed. The claims submitted herein substantially reflect those discussed at the interview.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the priority claim to properly identify the relationship between the present application and the application to which a benefit is claimed.

Claims 1-30 have been cancelled.

Claims 31-124 are now before the Examiner.

Support for the new claims is found in the specification and claims as originally filed; thus, the changes to the claims add no new matter.

Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone Charles Smith at 713-431-4554 or the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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